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many of them speak English, the others are endeavoring to learn the language, so as to be able to communicate with their white neighbors.

The correspondent found them all comfortably dressed and adapted themselves, as far as possible in their situation, to the ways of civilized life.

Major Jones, who is in charge of the agency, lives with his family among the Modocs.

The Government provides partly for their subsistence, but clothing is furnished them by the Quakers and other charitable agencies.

The correspondent visited the widow and sister of Captain Jack. The former, Lizzie, received him seated on her throne of skins and sticks.

The latter, Mary, a neatly dressed and pleasant looking woman, stood by. She looked at the visiting party, shook hands with them, and then sadly covered her face with her hands.

Since the removal of the Modocs to their new home nine of the number have died, and four have been born.

They express no desire to go back to their old lands around Lake Tula and Lost river, and say that they fought because they loved their hunting grounds and the graves of their fathers, and they wanted to stay.

American Slang. We allow ourselves to say of a rich man that he has got "stamps;" of a drunken man, that he is "light;" of a "booby;" of anything that pleases us or is satisfactory, that it is "stunning."

"awful" is considered a better word than very, and we are awful cold, or hot, or sick, or jolly, as the case may be; it is finer to say "you bet" than to answer a question by a simple yes; everything that annoys us is "infernal," or "beastly;" bank-bills are "green backs;" I heard a lady in good society say recently that her dress-maker had disappointed her, and that in consequence she was "really up to a tree;" we threaten, not to humiliate or mortify a man, but "to take the starch out of him;" we rack our brains to invent slang words for various drinks, and bring out such names as "forty rod," "tangle-foot," "rot-gut," "blue ruin," and "Jersey lightning," words that would more than puzzle a foreigner; a man is not cheated, but "done brown," or "bamboozled;" railroad conductors do not steal (in fact we are getting a little sensitive about using the word), but "knock down;" cashiers do not swindle and steal, but commit "irregularities;" we hear of a house being "burgled," and two foot pads "went through;" a belated traveler; a fair dealer is spoken of as a "square man;" a most wonderful lusus naturae; a substantial dinner is spoken of as a "square meal;" we hear invitations given, not to take a drink, but "to hoist in some poison;" anything antiquated or exhausted is "piled copy;" an insufficient excuse is said to be "too thin;" or we are told that it "will not wash;" we buy stocks on a "margin," or sell them "short," or "bull" the market, or "take a flyer," or "scoup in a long line of stocks;" we do not stake a sum of money but "bet our pile;" after a convivial party we next morning find ourselves "precious seedy;" our railroad trains "telecommute;" or "Pullman" breaks a wheel; a party of rowdies "clean out" a drinking saloon; a big man threatens to "wipe out" a little one; we do not outwit or circumvent another, but "enough" him; we "take the shine out of" a rival, and "fix his dirt" for him; a carpenter "runs up" a cheap house in a week; an investigating committee in Congress "white-washes" the character of some defaulter, and so on and so forth in all the departments of business and trade and social intercourse we permit ourselves to use words and phrases which are of no authority, often vulgar and always needless.

It may be objected to the point that the spoken language is of no consequence, so long as we write correctly and with elegance. But, alas! that evil communications corrupt good manners is no more true than that slangy conversation leads to slipshod, slangy writing, and it often happens that some detestable word of no authority, and having no right in the language, slips from conversation into print and thence into the press. Here again, the modern newspaper has much to answer for in the deterioration of language. Slang usurps the place of wit, and a cast phrase is often made the poor substitute for a witty repartee. It is untrue to say that slang is only used by the low and illiterate. On the other hand, its use pervades all the strata of society, from the clergyman to the street beggar, each, of course, using a slang of a different order, but both too often indulging in the use of words which no dictionary explains.

A Railroad Scene. "Burleigh" writes from Washington to the Boston Journal: An amusing incident occurred the other day on one of the trains from Boston to this city. The cars were crowded. An elegant dressed woman occupied an entire seat. Her baggage, bandbox and bag were piled artlessly. She was oblivious to the fact that passengers were rushing back and forth to obtain seats. More than one gentleman drew himself up in front of the imperious dame, silently pleading for the vacant spot. She fanned herself leisurely, lolled in the seat, and evidently thought things were very comfortable, as they were. "Is this seat occupied, madam?" asked a well dressed gentleman, very politely. "Yes," she replied, in a snappish reply. The man walked on. In half an hour the door opened, and in walked a tall, rough fellow, coarse as a polar bear. His huge beard was uncombed and stained with tobacco juice. His clothes were ill put on, and smelt of the stable. He was ungloved and brawny, and weighed full two hundred. He ran his eye along the car, and caught the seat on which our lady was sitting. He made for it. With great deliberation he seized bandbox, bandbox and bag, put them plump into the lap of the lady, and sat down in the vacant spot like one who intended to stay. If looks could have annihilated a man, there would have been a corpse in that car about that time. The man seemed very much at home. He whistled; he spit; he stroked his beard; he threw around his huge arms and chuckled inwardly at the evident rage of the woman. She left the car at New Haven, and had hardly gone before the gentleman who was refused the seat reappeared. To some gentlemen, who seemed to take a great interest in the proceedings, he said: "Did you see how that woman treated me?" "Yes," "Did you see how she came up with? Well, that man was a horse doctor that sat down beside her. He belongs to Ball's Head. I gave him one dollar to ride with that woman as far as she went." The car roared.

Emerson on the Egyptians.

The philosopher of Concord, referring to his visit to the East, speaks of Egypt: There is something very attractive in that silent land—Cheops, with his vast antiquity, its mysterious wisdom in art, in science, in those inventions which constitute civilization.

I had read what the Hebrew prophet said of the Egyptians that their strength was to sit still. They do not travel, they have no ships, they do not sail. When people do not come to us we must go to them. And I, therefore, went, when I was turned somewhat abruptly out of my house some years ago, urged by my friends to try a change of air and climate; and I did not rest till I saw Alexandria, and presently the city of Tyre, at Tyre the Pyramids, then Thebes, Luxor, Dardanelles. Egypt is a country that is easily seen. It is particularly nothing but a strip of land, a green belt on either side of the river Nile, but it is more than five hundred miles. The country has great attractions for the farmer, as they have three or four crops instead of one. And if one has no rain, it needs none, for the gracious river supplies its wants. The people are a perpetual study for the graces of their forms and motions. No people walk so well, none are so upright, so well developed, so strong. It seems as if our artists should go to them for models. The country is as safe as any city or town of ours, and the general tone of the people is excellent.

Among the Romans plain rings were worn originally on either the left or right hand, but when gems and precious stones were added they were worn by preference on the left, and it was considered exceedingly effeminate to wear them on the right hand. At first only one ring was worn, then two, then three, and lastly one on each finger. Chastity, according to Martial, wore sixty rings daily, or six on each finger, and did not take them off at night, but slept in them. This was an extreme case, but rings were often worn on every finger and also on the thumbs. In Germany rings were frequently worn upon the joints, as was the Roman custom. The wife of Sir Humphrey Stafford (1450) is sculptured in Bromsgrove Church, Worcester, with a ring on every finger but the last one of the right hand. Massive thumb rings were supposed to tell of wealth and importance, and Falstaff declared that when young he could have crept into an alderman's thumb ring.

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